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Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Not even an estimate for Rs. 2,550."

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" No, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" When you collect revenue from lands, is it not your duty to find money for giving them the necessary protection?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" We cannot do it now."

Resolutions passed by the Sethiatope Mirasidars' Association and the Chidambaram Taluk Mirasidars' Association.

* 473 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolutions passed by the Sethiatope Ancient Mirasidars' Association held on 26th August 1931 and of the Chidambaram Taluk Mirasidars' Association on 26th September 1931; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken or propose to take with reference to the said resolutions and representations of the mirasidars to redress their grievances?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Associations have been informed that the Government will receive a deputation from the Associations.

Report from the Chief Engineer on special duty, Vellar Investigating Party.

* 474 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether a copy of G.O. No. 944 I., dated 1st September 1906, will be placed on the table and also a copy of the appendices referred to in the report No. 377, dated 12th April 1905, from the Chief Engineer on special duty, Vellar Investigating Party, to the Chief Engineer, Madras, and particularly referred to but not printed in the said Government Order, viz., No. 944 I., dated 1st September 1906?

A.—The Government see no reason to place the report on the table.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know whether this Government Order and the report, etc., referred to therein come under the Official Secrets Act and so cannot be placed on the table of the House? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" That is not the reason for not placing them on the table of the House."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know then the reason why this Government Order and the connected papers could not be placed on the table of the House? "

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The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—" It is ancient history and, is a long one. Its appendices cover more than 57 printed pages and the enclosures referred to in this question probably cover many more pages. The cost of re-printing the Government Order and printing the enclosures would be high."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I know whether a copy will be supplied to the Member who requires it?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—" If any hon. Member wants information which is contained in the report, I shall be glad to give it to him."

Alleged damage to wet cultivation by the retention of the Railway Bridge at the Godavari station.

* 475 Q.—Pandit GANALA RAMAMURTI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it was brought to the notice of the Government that, on account of the Railway Bridge at the Godavari station, the irrigation in the districts of East and West Godavari is greatly suffering and that unless this be demolished and a new bridge be constructed near the Kadium station below the anicut, the wet cultivation would not be saved; and

(b) what orders the Government have issued thereon?

A.—(a) A suggestion akin to that in the first part of the question was made in a question in the Legislative Council (No. 1747) on 1st April 1930. A copy[a] of the question and answer delivered is annexed. A report from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation on the question was placed on the table of the House in 1929, and is printed in the Proceedings of the Legislative Council, Volume XLVI, pages 637-638.

(b) No orders were issued.

Proposals, if any, by the Irrigation Development Board regarding schemes in the Nellore district.

* 476 Q.—Khan Bahadur YAHYA ALI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Irrigation Development Board submitted any proposals to the Government regarding the schemes in Nellore district; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay the same on the table?

A.—(a) The Irrigation Development Board has submitted its views on some schemes in Nellore district.

(b) The Government do not propose to place these reports upon the table.

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 458-459 infra.